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SENATE s. no. 416)

Introduced by Senator S. R. Osmeña III

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This bill prohibits the establishment and operation of nuclear power facilities in the Philippines.

The nuclear accidents at Chernobyl and Three Mile Island tell demonstrate the unimaginable horrors of nuclear disaster. Given the Philippines' state of technological backwardness, the risk of such disaster would be even higher in the Philippines if we were to allow the operation of nuclear power plants anywhere in the country. The health and welfare of our people cannot be put at risk in exchange for any savings that nuclear power may promise at any point in time.

In view of the foregoing, early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

SERGIO OSMEÑA III
Senator

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AN ACT PROHIBITING THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANT FACILITIES IN THE COUNTRY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

- SECTION 1. Statement of Policy. The State, consistent with national interest, shall protect and advance the right of people to a balanced and healthful ecology in accord with rhythm and harmony of nature. Towards this end, the establishment and operation, at any stage, of nuclear power plant facilities in the Philippines is hereby prohibited.
- SEC. 2. Penalties. Any person, natural or juridical, violating this policy shall be subjected to a fine of at least One million pesos (P1,000,000.00) or be imprisoned for a period of fifteen (15) years at the discretion of the Court.
- SEC. 3. Repealing Clause. All existing laws, executive orders and rules and regulations or parts thereof, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Act, are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.
- SEC. 4. Effectivity. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,